

Luxury Taxes to Be Cut

Washington, D. C., Aug. 9.—Having agreed to elimination of the soda fountain, ice cream and so-called luxury taxes on wearing apparel and a fifty per cent cut in the levy on sporting goods Republican members of the house ways and means committee returned today to the job of revenue revision resolved to make further reductions in the total tax the American people will be called upon to pay this fiscal year.

A fifty per cent cut in the transportation levies, both passenger and freight was declared to be practically a certainty. Those members who heretofore have urged immediate repeal of all these taxes were understood to be prepared to press their point with the argument that this could be done readily if repeal of the excess profits and higher surtaxes is delayed until next January 1 as now proposed.

The total loss of revenue involved in cutting off the transportation taxes was estimated at \$200,000,000, or less. It was claimed that the loss that would be entailed this year through making the repeal of the excess profits and higher income surtaxes retroactive to last January 1. It also was urged that the cutting off of the levies on freight and passenger traffic would prove of real help to business through savings in freight charges and added expenses of traveling salesmen.

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TEAMSTERS ARE OUT

Chicago, Aug. 9.—The teamsters' strike which started yesterday and has tied up Chicago's garbage removal system, continued today while refuse piled up in the city at an estimated rate of 4,000 cubic yards.

NEAR EAST HIT BY HEAT WAVE
Constantinople, Aug. 9.—Near Eastern countries have been struck by the heat wave which has prevailed for several weeks over South Russia, this city being particularly affected. Immense forest fires are reported from Asia Minor.

Are You For Or Against Bond Issue?

The city board of education wants expressions from the taxpayers of the district with reference to voting bonds of \$250,000 for a new high school building. Following are some of the answers, more will be printed from day to day. Any citizen who wishes to do so can express his feelings in a more extended manner by addressing communications to Forum Editor, Daily Leader:

The thumb-nail interviews follow:
A. F. Koetch: While we certainly want a new high school building or an addition to the present building, I do not think the people would vote bonds at this time. Later the bonds may be voted for a good high school building.

Dick Wolgamott: I am not very well posted as to the needs of the school children for an enlarged high school, but to try to vote bonds for a new high school building at this time I think would meet with failure.
S. P. Crook: I am heartily in favor of doing all that is necessary for the education of the children of our city and county, but of the bond issue comes up at the present time, I do not think it could be put over.

Mrs. David Hetch: Too much cannot be done for the education of our young people and good and commodious quarters should be provided. However at the present time I do not think the people would vote bonds for any purposes. It may be done later on.
Ben Cooksey: The taxes now are very high and no relief in sight. I think an addition to the present high school building would answer for the present and later on when things get more normal vote enough bonds for a good high school building in some central part of the city.

Herman Gerlach: My judgment is that bonds for any purpose could not be voted at this time. Better wait until the financial situation gets little easier.

WEATHER

New Orleans, La., Aug. 9.—Tonight and Wednesday generally fair.

Sues To Recover His Picture Bride; First Instance Known

Chicago, Aug. 9.—Joseph Beighmann a janitor has started court proceedings to gain possession of Theresia Brinkler, a twenty-four year old "picture bride" being cared for by the protectorate of a church league against whom a writ of habeas corpus is directed.

Beighmann asserts he came from Austria fifteen years ago when Miss Brinkler was a little girl. A year ago he wrote his brother in Vienna and asked that a wife be picked for him he said. His brother sent him Miss Brinkler's picture, then an epistolary courtship followed which ended when the girl came to the United States.

LOGAN COUNTY COTTON POOL TO BE SOLD

August 12th Is Date Set For Federal Agent To Be Here; Lists Will Close on Thursday

The pool of Logan County Cotton to be sold on Friday August 12 under the supervision of the United States Bureau of markets was completed Monday evening with nearly 200 bales listed in the pool. Ned Hoffman of the First National Bank who is acting as trustee for the growers has already heard from a number of outside bidders who will be present.

It has been decided to leave the pool open until Thursday afternoon and all persons desiring to get in can take their cotton to the compress up to that time and leave their compress receipts with Secretary Fred L. Wenger, of the Cotton Growers' committee at the County Agents' office, or the First National Bank and their cotton will be graded and placed by a government expert and sold in the pool.

FAMINE IN RUSSIA

Washington, Aug. 9.—Alleviation of the famine in ten provinces of Russia will require the distribution of almost three-quarters of a million tons of breadstuffs, according to estimates made in Moscow and reported to the state department today.

Values In State Are Increased

Oklahoma City, Aug. 9.—An increase of approximately \$7,000,000 will be added this year to the state's assessed valuation for 1921, according to estimates by members of the state board of equalization. This will make the total valuation of taxable property in the state in 1921 approximately \$1,700,000,000. Last year's valuation was \$1,693,445,745. Of this increase approximately \$3,000,000 will be added by the board of equalization to the increase of \$4,000,000 shown on the aggregate report of county tax assessors.

The board has passed upon the valuation of all counties in the state with the exception of Beckham and Pushmataha counties, whose assessors have not yet submitted their reports. The board yet has to consider the valuations of public service utilities and corporations, which will make it impossible to arrive at the tax levy until about September 1, it was announced.

Tax Increase Is Largest
Runners afloat among officials that the tax levy for the state will reach 2 mills for next year will depend on their correctness largely upon a decision to be handed down soon by the supreme court as to the legality.

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Newberry Case Is At End; Ford Is Counted Out

Washington, Aug. 9.—Republicans of the senate privilege and election committee today voted Senator Truman H. Newberry, Republican, Michigan, whose election in 1916 was contested by Henry Ford, democrat nominee, a clear title to his seat. Democratic committee members all voted in opposition and the long contested case now goes to the senate for final decision.

ALLIED SUPREME COUNCIL NOT TO INTERFERE IN SILESIA
Paris, Aug. 9.—The allied supreme council decided today not to send reinforcements for the allied troops in Upper Silesia.

News Notes, Hot Off The Wire

Mexico City, Aug. 9.—General Jose Alessie Robles, brother of the Mexican minister to Spain and to the editor of the newspaper, El Democrata, was shot and instantly killed last evening as he drove in his automobile, through one of the main streets in the residence section of the city.

Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 9.—Search for the shotgun with which John Belton Kennedy was killed near his summer cottage in Beverly Glen, Friday night, was pressed vigorously today by county authorities, as the most important link still missing in the chain of evidence which has been so far discovered in connection with the murder.

Lindsay, Ontario, Aug. 9.—General Sir Sam Hughes, former Canadian minister of militia, and an outstanding figure in Canada's war effort, was very near death at 5:30 o'clock this morning. His physician did not think he would live many hours. He has suffered from acute anaemia for months and has been kept alive with blood transfusion for weeks.

San Francisco, Aug. 9.—A wireless message early today from the steamer San Jose, which struck on San Pablo reef, about 1,500 miles south of San Diego last night, indicated the ship was resting easily. There were 33 passengers and 60 members of the crew aboard.

One message from Captain B. Zastro said: "Holding out o. k., I guess."

The Tangled Income Tax; What of the Game? The Gold Hunter

The United States borrowed the principle of the income tax from England. We seem to have borrowed at the same time a set of methods of computing the tax and making the returns that for complexity and confusion exceeds everything else in government business.

Anyway, we would like to believe that these methods are of alien origin, not American. And we have this much to go on: A society has been formed in Britain which purposes, through its numbers and its political activity, to force the government to simplify the income tax. It is not trying to reduce or avoid taxes. Its sole aim is to make the thing intelligible to those who make the returns. The head of the organization says that for himself all

he asks is that the law be altered so that he "will not have to hire an accountant to ascertain what is my income as the government wants it reckoned."

The American income tax blank, even to the average business man, is an encouragement of bad temper, provocative of profanity. We do not doubt that some of the more recent cases of insanity can be traced to struggles with these papers. Because of the intricate system armies of clerks are required in checking up returns, and yet these clerks are two years behind in the work. The most recent report on the income tax is for the year 1919, and was issued only last month. No man can feel certain until after a long passage of time that he will not be

called upon to make additional payments—his own mathematics, since as it may have been, being unsatisfactory to Washington. And no man can be sure, after he has made additional payments, that these charges are just.

No tax, of course, is popular. But some taxes can be made more likable than others. Such a tax is that on incomes because it is so sound in principle. Yet it is the tax which more than any other raises the fur on people's backs. It should be simplified. Failing in other persuasions, we may have to form a league and use the bludgeon of politics.

Questions inspired by the baseball verdict:

Wherein is a ball player who has made a confession of crookedness any less the crook by reason of the withdrawal of the confession?

Who is the enterprising baseball manager who is going to take one or more of these players into his organization?

What is clean baseball worth to the country?

If clean baseball is desirable how shall people go about it to keep baseball clean in opposition to gamblers, to fellows who slip money under the pillow of baseball players, to the friends of these players, to juries that sit in cases involving baseball bribery and to judges who are tickled to death over acquittals that follow?

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DOCTOR GOES TO JAIL TO STUDY CRIMINALS.



Failing to obtain incarceration as a pretended prisoner to vary on his studies of criminals, Dr. James J. Finley, deliberately committed forgery and welcomed his sentence to the Los Angeles jail to await the determination of his case. Dr. Finley is held on the charge of forging a check for \$210.

EPWORTH LEAGUE INSTITUTE TO BRING MANY HERE

Rooms in Private Houses Will Be In Demand; Institute Free, Excepting One Day, Sept. 2

As the day approaches for the opening of the Epworth League Institute, plans are rapidly being completed to give the young people of the state a fine reception. Committees of the Chamber of Commerce are meeting tonight to discuss ways and means of making the meeting a success from the Guthrie standpoint.

While this convention will largely be a two meeting, there are quite a number who will prefer to room in private houses as we are requesting that those of the city who have spare rooms call Mr. H. M. Lahew, Phone 278. Delegates will expect to pay a reasonable amount for rooms.

For the benefit of the Guthrie public we want to say that the evening programs of the institute will be free in the public except Friday night. "The Stream of Life" will be shown. A small admission fee will be charged to this to meet the cost of the program.

Any one wishing to attend the class work during the morning under the leadership of a well chosen faculty can do so on payment of the \$2 registration fee. Meals will be served to the Fair Exhibition Building at reasonable rates.

JOHN SPRECKELS JR. IS KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 8.—John D. Spreckels Jr., was fatally hurt late Monday when the automobile he was driving from Taft, California, off fields to Bakerfield, overturned. He died in a Bakerfield hospital.

MOTOR TRUCK SERVICE BECOMING POPULAR

Alva, Aug. 9.—Motor truck service has been established between Alva, Enid, Cherokee, Jet, Nash, Hilldale, Ingersoll and Ashley. The truck trains make daily runs between these towns.

MAN WHO STOLE A HORSE IS GRABBED

Rarely Ever Is Sheriff Called Upon To Hunt Horse Thieves; Relic of Olden Days

John Lewis, relic of olden days in jail. He is charged with stealing a horse.

Horse stealing in Oklahoma is a rarity during these days of automobiles.

That it looks rather dork for him. The horse has been recovered and George Ashley of Springville now has the horse and the thief is still in jail.

Sheriff Robertson caught Lewis in El Reno yesterday and returned him to jail here to await trial for the larceny of a horse.

J. D. Gray and wife returned last night from a two weeks visit in Elva City, Kansas.

Returned Soldier Discovers a Lost Art

La Porte, Ind., Aug. 9.—Walter Bunton, former soldier and employee of the New York Blower company here, claims to have discovered what was thought to have been the lost art of tempering and hardening copper.

He has offered his discovery to the United States Steel corporation, which, it is understood, is investigating his method. It is claimed that the process of hardening copper, if feasible, would revolutionize the metal industry and that copper would be substituted for many purposes where steel now is used.

Bunton, it is said, chanced to find a few pages from an old encyclopedia lying in a ash pile. The picture caught his eye and he picked up a few pieces.

The leaves revealed the story of an old Roman metallurgist who knew the secret of tempering copper but his art is said to have died with him. Bunton became interested and went to work on the proposition and now believes that success has crowned his efforts.

His product of tempered copper, he said, is harder than tempered steel and means cutting tools by machinery that will not strike sparks and bearings in all kinds of machinery that will not burn out or crack.

Bunton is 27 years old, was wounded in the world war, and it is stated, is to be married in October.

Armour Employee Hooks Firm For Big Amount

Sherrburne, Minn., Aug. 8.—Two Chicago detectives left here yesterday with F. H. French, arrested in connection with the alleged embezzlement of \$50,000 from Armour and company at Kansas City, where it is said, he was employed as a bookkeeper.

A week ago French came here to join the local baseball club as a pitcher.

According to the detectives, French and three other men are implicated in the embezzlement, which was uncovered about a week ago, when French left Kansas City.

LOGAN COUNTY TAX RETURNS APPROVED

Bill Humphrey Wins When His Property Tax Rate Is Approved Unanimously

County Assessor "Bill" Humphrey is the most contented man in the court house today.

Yesterday he met with the state board of equalization and passed muster.

His returns were accepted as submitted. And that is saying a whole lot.

Nearly every county in the state had the amount of taxable property submitted raised.

Humphrey, in his address to the board of equalization, explained each point clearly and when Logan county was reached a motion was made that the returns from Logan county be accepted as presented.

That relieved Humphrey considerably, as he had spent the day listening to motions hiked the rate in the case of other counties and when his report was accepted as submitted he felt like hugging each member of the board.

"Believe me, I was relieved from a strain when old Logan slipped under the wire without a bump. I had carefully prepared the report and I sure am glad that the tax payers of Logan county will be let off easy this year," said Humphrey today.

The total value of all taxable property in Logan county, as fixed by the county board of equalization and approved by the state board of equalization is \$18,157,507. In 1920 the valuation was \$18,221,561.

Pleads For Tulsa To

Take Judgment
The question of the Tulsa oil field is a question of the Tulsa oil field. The Tulsa oil field is a question of the Tulsa oil field. The Tulsa oil field is a question of the Tulsa oil field.

"The mission of religion to the present disturbed social order is not as much a message to the poor to respect the sacredness of the property rights of the rich, although it is that also, as it is a message to the rich in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ to bring about a more brotherly distribution of wealth, health, joy and freedom of the world," the Rev. Mr. Myers said. "This cannot be done by charity, nor can it be done by violence. The inequalities of the present economic order can be eliminated only by a more brotherly distribution of the profits of industry at the source of production."

"Wealth can be reapportioned in a brotherly way only where it is made, in the process of its production, by the granting of a truly living wage, by a voluntary decrease in the interest exacted for the use of capital, and by a very material increase in the financial rewards paid to human beings for their labor of hand or brain."

"Is it brotherly," asked the Rev. Mr. Myers, "that the financial burden of the Tulsa oil field be borne by those who have the least? Is it brotherly that a job man should have to pay the highest prices for all of the necessities of life? Is it brotherly that the day laborer's pay should be the minute he gets a check, although better able to stand the financial strain of sickness, have their salaries continued to them as long as they are ill? Is it brotherly that the highest profits in the real estate business should be commonly derived from tenement property, the least desirable accommodations in the whole city where the poorest people have to live?"

NEW YORK HERALD SOCIETY EDITOR IN CITY

Miss Joyce McBride, society editor of the New York Herald, is spending a few days in Guthrie. This is her first visit to Oklahoma. She came to Guthrie to try the mineral baths at the Municipal Bath house.

She will go from Guthrie to California, where she will spend two months in that part of scenic America. She is enthusiastic over Oklahoma and the wonderful strides this new state has made. She declares this trip will be an event in her young but strenuous life.

SECRETARY WALL OF C. OF C. TO VISIT AGED PARENT

Secretary Wall of the chamber of commerce left Tuesday morning for a week's visit with his father in Illinois, who is over 83 years old.

This will be his only vacation, and will visit several secretaries of chambers of commerce, taking notes of ways and means for conducting these organizations in all five cities along his route going and coming.

"SHOW ME" STATE WILL BE CENTURY OLD AUG. 10

On August 10th, a century back, Missouri was admitted to the American sisterhood. She was certainly a frisky, playful lass with many an escapade, but as she aged she has settled down to the more sedate and quiet and lovable sister, with strong indications of a long life of matronly conduct. Here's hoping for the best anyway, for the "Show Me" state.

MILLION POUNDS OF SEED GRAIN TO RUSSIA

Riga, Aug. 9.—A million pounds of seed grain are on the way to Russia from the United States, according to an announcement made in a letter to the Russian peasants by Nikolai Lenin, the Bolshevik premier. The text of the letter was circulated today by the Rosta Agency, the Bolshevik disseminator of news.